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LENS AND ARMENTIERES.

THE evacuation of Lens and Armentieres, officially announced by the German War Office yesterday, will be immediately hailed as supporting the belief that Germany is prepared to withdraw her forces from French and Belgian territory.

Pressure that has forced the German High Command to give up Lens, the chief coal city in France, and to fall back from Armentieres, which is only seven miles from Lille, the biggest manufacturing centre in Northern France, is too formidable to be longer concealed even from the German public.

The War Office in Berlin has worn out the phrases "shortening the line," "taking up our new positions," "retiring to strong positions previously prepared." These no longer cover the plain fact that German armies are unable to stand the terrific hammering they are getting from British, French and Americans on the western front. This week Lens and Armentieres pass into the Allies' hands. How many days to Lille?

Lille and the Lens coal district have long represented a vital part of the French territory occupied by the enemy. The Belgian advance threatens his submarine bases on the coast. The French are pushing on north of Rheims. American forces further south fill him with fears for the safety of German soil.

Day by day his lines of defense crumple, his inner lines of communication are more and more seriously menaced.

Under the circumstances the German High Command may well feel that the only thing to do is to explain in advance a great German retreat to Germany's frontiers. Hence the reported remarks of Gen. von Falkenhausen's Military Secretary to the effect that the German Army in Belgium would return to the German frontier "in order to show the world that we really want to defend our country."

Between what they are trying to show the world and what they dare not show the German people, these must be wearing days for the War Lords.

To explain the evacuation of Lens and Armentieres in a way that shall prepare Berlin for the loss of Lille and worse to follow!

Small wonder if the German High Command is getting ready to work the "defense of the Fatherland" slogan to the limit.

FOR FAMILY DEBATE.

RADE reports indicate that American women are buying more freely than ever before while men are economizing, notes the American Exchange National Bank of this city in its monthly letter for October:

The decrease in purchases of goods which men chiefly consume is due in part to the large number already in the milllary and naval services of our country; but, beyond this. the restriction of trade is undoubted. The demand for work clothes for men has increased, while sales of finer clothing and furnishings have dropped off sharply. On the other hand the garment trades report a gain of nearly one-taird in sales of women's dresses as compared with last year. In coats and waists for women the increase in the number of garments made is small, but the increase in value exceeds

This raises a timely question for family debate, viz.: Who's the ter economizer when it comes to personal outlay-always granting that the obligation to look well makes far heavier demands upon who took me to see her, had told me

Doesn't it look as if-even allowing for a wide difference in the tosts of their respective wardrobes-the man was the more willing to one hundred pounds. She looked so of two pounds. In a month she had buy fewer or cheaper articles while the woman, if she has been accus- fragile that a full sized man felt that rained ten. In three months, twentytomed to a certain quality of garment, sticks to it even at a higher a breeze might waft her away any live, and in six months forty. And

The larger demand for men's working clothes is highly satisfactory evidence that "work or fight" is no joke. But what about this:

Sales of small commercial white diamonds and other articles costing not more than \$100 have increased and the trade looks for a volume of Christmas business in such lines that will break all previous records. Most of such wares are

Men spending more time in their working clothes and more wives getting small white diamonds. It's been the same economic story Yet she was apparently as strong as like the milk and much diet, kept since the days of the Pharaohs. And it hasn't worked out so badly, any one and the most untiring, en- right on with it. Also she enjoyed By Ray C. Beery, A. B., M. A., Pres. of the Parents' Association have trouble enough after she mar-

After all, such change as war demands is not the reversal of an admirable and eternal differentiation, but only a little extra hard make fat people thin and thin people cushions, in contentment, stuffing herthinking and self-denial for a great emergency,

"Drafting" Liberty Loan Slackers

cording to Charles H. Davis of the Lots of patriotic fellows are over-Lansing Chamber of Commerce, who enthusiastic and try to carry too came to New York with the suggest heavy a burden. We do not want this. Allies' Victories Renew Belgian Hopes tion that it be used in future loans and unless they say they have more and financing for war needs.

clearing house, where they are meets his neighbors.

checked off against our census lists. "Up to this point it has been all

A LIBERTY LOAN "draft board" "When the checking is completed walking.
in Lansing, Mich., is putting we call in men who appear to have "If we over the loan with ease, ac- taken more than they can handle. income than our records show we cut "We only draft slackers," said Mr. down their subscriptions and make

Davis. "We do not get after them and the stackers carry the surplus. That the stackers carry the surplus subscribers and the stackers carry the surplus. That the stackers carry the surplus. The stackers carry the surplus. The stackers carry the surplus. The stackers carry the surplus and the stackers carry the surplus. The stackers carry the surplus and the stackers carry the surplus. The stackers carry the surplus and the subscribe to a Belgian and comes and twist of the should cannot be save, were pulling leaves and twigs of the stackers carry the surplus and the subscribe to a Belgian and the stackers carry the surplus and the subscribe and twist and the stackers carry the surplus and twist and the stackers carry the surplus and the cought to buy bonds and about how much they should be able to take.

"Then we set two days for the "volunteers." Every one in Lansing is expected to sign their "volunteer card," exempt' him and tell him to cheer a set to buy bonds and about how good reasons. A few of them have sels on Oct. 4, 1830, and while the to the outburst, though the singing to the uniters. It is a delinquent shows good reasons we pected to sign their volunteer card, exempt' him and tell him to cheer a set to buy bonds and about how good reasons. A few of them have sels on Oct. 4, 1830, and while the to the outburst, though the singing the press finally led to the outburst, though the singing the press finally led to the outburst, though the singing the press finally led to the outburst, though the singing of Auber's "Masaniello" at the grand opera in Hrussels was the immediate of Auber's "Masaniello" at the grand opera in Hrussels was the immediate of the meighbors children. The moment she caught sight of the mission around the leighbors days by the country still rests under the blight of the victorious opera in Hrussels was the immediate of Auber's "Masaniello" at the grand opera in Hrussels was the immediate of the meighbors children. The moment she caught sight of the meighbors children. The moment she caught sight of the meighbors children. The moment she caught sight of the meighbors children. The moment she caught sight of the meighbors children. The moment she caught sight of the meighbors children. The moment she caught sight of the meighbors children. The moment she caught sight of the meighbors children. The moment she caught sight of the meighbors caught she press finally led to the outburst, though the singular she press finally led to the outburst, though the singular she press finally led to the outburst, though the singular she press finally led to the outburst, though the singular she press finally led to the outburst, though the she are she as the state. unteers. Every one in Lansing is expected to sign their 'volunteer card,' exempt' him and tell him to cheer which really is a subscription blanks go through a subscription blank a subscription





How the Old Place Has Changed! By J. H. Cassel Sayings of Mrs. Solomon

By Helen Rowland

We Shall Not Be Lured to Dwell Upon the Top Floor, Where the Steam Heat Never Reacheth, and the Shower Bath Seldom Runneth, and the Roof Leaketh, and All the Winds of Heaven Blow to Freeze Thee in the Winter Time, and All the Suns of Heaven Shine to Suffocate Thee in the Summer Time!"

ND, lo, it was Moving Day, again.

And the man arose and took down the bedsteads, saying: "Thank heaven, we shall escape from this Barn!

"How happy shall we be, in a COZY little place! "Yea, we shall dwell high up, away from the madding taxicabs-even upon the TOP floor of the house, where the winds of heaven shall blow cool upon us in the summer time, and the suns of heaven shall warm

"And it will be SO airy!

"And there will be nobody above us to trample upon our ceilings and our nerves, and to destroy our sleep at nights!"

And the woman said:

us in the winter time.

"Yes, dear. How lovely that will be! And the place shall be painted in snowy white, and shall shine in its beauty as a bright thought in a gloomy world!"

And behold, even as they had said, they went to dwell in the place of heir dreams, which was called a "Studio apartment," because no OTHER ame would describe it.

And twelve months passed over them.

And lo-it was Moving Day again!

And the man arose, and took down the bedsteads, and wrapped the mattresses in clean sheets, and tied his silk hat, and his safety razor, and the coffee pot, and the image of Bhudda, and the alarm clock together, say-

"Thank heaven, we shall get out of this DUMP!

"Yea, how happy shall we be, to escape from 'prison' into the glad, free air of a BIG and roomy place—even where I can open a chiffonier frawer without upsetting the tea wagon, and move the tea wagon without everturning the phonograph, and start the phonograph without moving the Morris chair, and open the clothes closet without first moving the bed.

"And we shall NOT be lured to dwell upon the TOP floor, where the steam heat never reacheth, and the shower bath seldom runneth, and the roof leaketh, and all the winds of heaven blow to freeze thee in the winter time, and all the suns of heaven shine to suffocate thee in the summer "And the place shall NOT be desecrated by blinding white paint, so

that I dare not bump my head upon my own door-jamb lest I leave the mark of my suffering thereon forever! For we are wise to THAT sweet

"Let the faddists rejoice in their follies, but as for us, we shall have SPACE, and a little home comfort!"

And the woman sighed. "Yes, dear. How lovely that will be!"

Yet, even as they departed, a voice from out the air seemed to cry, ockingly:

"Ha-ha! Little do ye know what new sorrows and surprises await you! "For ye are NEW YORKERS-doomed to go seeking forever the Im-

"Ye are New Yorkers! And the seed of discontent hath been sown in your souls and shall flourish as the green bay tree.

"Ye are as a man that shifteth a load from one shoulder to the other. as a woman that exchangeth one husband for another, as a country that exchangeth one King for another-ye do but exchange one set of sorrows and sufferings for another! And there is no hope FOR you!" SELAH.

There was no longer any need of

self with chocolates and light litera-

One glorious October evening I

"Oh, please don't ask me to budge

she was painfully thin. And he was thing that she cured about. But the right. The poor girl measured about result was worth the sacrifice. In a five feet six inches and weighed only week the scales showed an increase then she was as beautiful and healthy

But Angelica's wit was as sharp as a specimen as could be found anyher elbows and in spite of her angu- where. She had reached the mark larity any number of men were keen where she was just right. I was very one hundred and seventy pounds hand naval uniform for a lady?" to marry her and pretty soon I be- proud of her and very much in love. came one of the most ardent of her as any man would have been.

ergetic person I had ever known.

He prescribed a diet of eggs, cream,

Mile of you," said the doctor, "you "Aren't you ever going to budge must learn to be lazy and not exert again?" I irritably inquired.

"Oh, Angelica," I pleaded, "can't ROM the moment I saw Angelica, yourself in the slightest, except for a desire was kindled in me to some mild exercises, which I shall said, "You weren't satisfied with me be nice to her. Bert Graves, give yourself in the slightest, except for be nice to her. Bert Graves, give yourself in the slightest, except for a desire was kindled in me to some mild exercises, which I shall said, "You weren't satisfied with me marriage, Mrs. Jarr, Mrs. raised her voice and quavered: swered Mrs. Bangle, "Us. She practically renounced every-

> plenty of others who will." The next time I called, she was en- of Mrs. Jarr's flat. ertaining Jack Spink, a dapper little inety-eight pounds,

they were married.

because I am too stout. If you can't Dunenberry all drew up chairs around she ketched her dress on fire taking how careless he is in his appearance like me for my real self there are the centre of interest, Miss Cora bread out of the oven in the yard new one would scarcely believe it." Hickett, the bride-elect, in the parlor and got burned to death! An' she

"An' git married with the new

The question in the latter part of

the quotation could be omitted, but it

One mother had trouble with some neighbor children who like to anno-her by ringing the door bell and then

onsikenca hey?"

wasn't cold before her husband mar- they're married as they was before, "I thank you for your warning." Fure I allus wors a good black silk those of her clattering friends, "you"l said Miss Hickett, coldly, "but it isn't dress and a good bunnit on Sundays

the Navy." "Highly tighty! Don't put on airs

"I had nine children and-" "You were married during the wane

Hickett coldly, "but not in the wane "Now don't fret the poor lamb,"

said Mrs. Jarr sympathetically. She'll her lazy mode of living and resented the least physical exertion. For half Children? Instead of going to the window, she should have gone quietly to the door, or full." "Or the husband," added Mrs. Ter-

williger. "I expect Mr. Silver is different

from Mr. Terwiliger," replied Miss Hickett bitingly. She was but a simple maiden in her teens (or a little over), but she was

ENGAGED! And if any of that bunch of matrons thought they could put over anything on her they were very helps to show a friendly spirit and, much mistaken. They realized this, too, and a great

respect for her overcame them. But what they were wondering most was how the war would affect husbands. Would army and navy discipline interfere with wifely discipline? So they ceased to hackle and began to enckle.

"Tell us how Jack Silver acts?" said Mrs. Rangle, coaxingly. "Does he try boys to order you around now that he is a foeman-

"A yeoman," corrected the sailor's fiancee, "and he's like a man in a dream!" she added languishing prepared for the worst. 'Dear, dear Jack!"

Old Mrs. Dusenberry was going to say, "But he'll wake up; they allers do," but caught herself in time. Anyway, she was trying to puzzle out in Colombia has tapped a well that what the words "vital statistics" meant. They sounded like a chronic through oil bearing sands.

"From patent leather shoes?" asked

By Roy L. McCardell

awered Mrs. Rangle, "Mr. Rangle

"Why hain't the men as neart after hey?" asked Mrs. Dusenberry. "I'm

"But all the young men-the real young men-look neat in their uniorms these days," said Mrs. Jarr. All the other ladies, save the brideelect, shook their heads as though to say the ways of men after marriage were inexplicable. Did conscience tell of the moon, I assume," said Miss them that after wives clothes were paid for there's nothing left for husbands?

> "But go on and tell us about Mr. Silver. How does he take it?" asked Mrs. Rangle.

"He's so forgetful," replied Miss Hickett, who was burning to give the details to married or single. "I called him two days on the telephone at the Nava! Reserve offices and got no answer. So I just had to call around to see if he were ill, that I might nurse him. I belong to the Red Cross and have studied first ald,"

"Nursing 'em alius gits 'em," said Mrs. Dusenberry. "They're too weak ginerally to get out of it." "And I found he'd left the telephone

eceiver off the hook constantly," Miss Hickett went on. "Why, how strange! Mr. Rangle

ild that when WE were engaged," said Mrs. Rangle. "They are so ner-

yous through love, I suppose," "My Gabe used to hide in the hay now," said the lady from Indiana.

'Mebbe your feller will do that, too." But all the ladies denied this, Mrs. Jarr said she was sure there were no

hav mows in the navy. "But the ships take horses across." said Mrs. Rangle.

Whereat Miss Hickett began to sob,

NEWEST THINGS IN SCIENCE.

has been prospecting for petroleum produces profitably after passing

Musings of a Matrimonial Slacker By William V. Pollard Why should 17 Fm perfect

be nice to her. Bert Graves, give you, to

As I knew her better I realized that Angelica's continuing the diet. Now ably forgotten how to walk. she could be made into quite a we could dine out together. We could beauty if she were not so thin. I play tennis and dance and have some explained to her that she would feel good times. much stronger if she fattened up. But Angellea, who had come to

However, I permuaded her to con- the least physical exertion. For half suit a doctor whose specialty was to a day at a time she lay coiled among

vegetables, fruit, nuts, raisins, puddings and fresh air. Angelica was instructed to forego dancing, tennis and I suggested a walk.

"If we are to make a Venus de Billy," she drawled,

so he will not feel humiliated when he meets his neighbors.

"The rest we 'draft' into the loan. Just what we will do to the first Just what we will do to the first Holland, though the Belgians wished to men of Liege" turned the tide, it which was arranged to the rebets. A provisional government son. Her tapping on the window and the rebets. A provisional government son. Her tapping on the window and the rebets. A provisional government son. Her tapping on the window and the rebets. A provisional government son. Her tapping on the window and the rebets. A provisional government son. Her tapping on the window and the rebets. A provisional government son. Her tapping on the window and the research of the rebets. A provisional government son. Her tapping on the window and the research of the rebets. A provisional government son. Her tapping on the window and the rebets. A provisional government son. Her tapping on the window and the rebets. A provisional government son. Her tapping on the window and the rebets. A provisional government son. Her tapping on the window and the rebets. A provisional government son. Her tapping on the window and the rebets. A provisional government son. Her tapping on the window and the rebets. A provisional government son. Her tapping on the window and the rebets. A provisional government son. Her tapping on the window and the rebets are represented to a provisional government son.

On 88th Anniversary of Independence

Children?

neighbors' children. All too frequently these little sofound her cuddled before a log fire. called wild animals run through flower the lawn out here, but do not tode?

beds, climb veran- any of the shrubbery. This is cerdas, make no end tainly a fine day, isn't it?" of noise and do various other things to try a mother's helps to snow a mother's for this reason, aids in getting the de-

The question is: hiding. One evening the father har

volunteer subscribing. We have kept away from imperative commands to buy or lend. Instead we work with has seen the point. Lansing will be that it is every man's own personal war—let's get together and on out 4 Reigium was formed by Raron von Hoogvorst and or cherist and on out 4 Reigium was formed by Raron von Hoogvorst and or cherist and on out 4 Reigium was formed by Raron von Hoogvorst and or cherist and on out 4 Reigium was formed by Raron von Hoogvorst and or cherist and on out 4 Reigium was formed by Raron von Hoogvorst and or cherist and on out 4 Reigium was formed by Raron von Hoogvorst and or cherist and on out 4 Reigium was formed by Raron von Hoogvorst and or cherist and or cherist and on out 4 Reigium was formed by Raron von Hoogvorst and or cherist and or

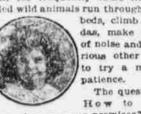
Copyright, 1918, by The Press Publishing Co. | wane of the moon; and what was the

"And your wedding dress," said ried agin!" hap, five feet four, weighing about Mrs. Rangle, raising her voice above He regarded Angelica with absolute Pave to wear something old and likely that I will bake bread out of after I married." approval, which she evidently recip. something new, something borrowed doors, unless, of course, I go to France rocated, for when Angelica reached and something blue. Maybe a second- in war work, while my husband is in

It is well that he can afford an moon," said Mrs. Dusenberry of In- with ME!" snapped Mrs. Dusenberry. automobile. For Angelica has prob- diana. "I knowed a gal in Taylor

Making the Most of Our Children of vital statistics." A Series of Plain Talks to Parents

PTTLE wild animals" is the called the older of the boys to her expression used by many mothers in speaking of the a positive smile on her face, and after the boy reached her, said slowly "Byron, you and Chester may play or



them when on your premises? One mother reports a case, the